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S&T AGREEMENTS AND HOLDING OF ENERGY AND HOUSING AND
OTHER CONSTRUCTION JOINT COMMITTEES

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1. DURING MARCH 28 SESSION WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV,
SECRETARY VANCE STATED U.S. READINESS TO PROCEED WITH THE MEETINGS
OF THE HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION AND ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEES
AND THE RENEWALS OF THE SPACE AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. BREZHNEV AGREED THIS SHOULD BE DONE.

2. BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF POSSIBLE TIME FRAMES FOR U.S.
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CO-CHAIRMEN FOR MEETINGS, SCICOUNS MARCH 29 ELICITED FOLLOWING
INITIAL RESPONSES FROM THE SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE
AGREEMENTS AFFECTED.

(A) HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TEREITYEV
CONFIRMED THAT GOSSTROY IS WILLING TO HOLD JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING IN THE USSR THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV

IS PRESENTLY OUT OF MOSCOW, THERENTYEV STATED THAT MEETING NEXT OCTOBER WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO SOVIETS.

(B) ENERGY. ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TROSHIN RECONFIRMED SOVIET DESIRE TO HOLD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN USSR AT EARLIEST MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME. MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY IS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL RECOVERING FROM A SLIGHT HEART ATTACK, BUT TROSHIN EXPRESSED OPINION THAT A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE THIS AUGUST WOULD BE A GOOD POSSIBILITY.

(C) SPACE. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT INTERKOSMOS AGREES TO EXTENSION OF THE SPACE AGREEMENT WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS AS REPORTED REFTEL.

(D) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AYKAZYAN STATED THAT SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO RENEW S&T AGREEMENT UNCHANGED; HOWEVER THEY BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE S&T JOINT COMMISSION MEETING BEFORE MAY 24 EXPIRATION DATE. AYKAZYAN REITERATED THAT SOVIETS WOULD APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED LARGER ROLE FOR S&T COMMISSION IN OVERALL BILATERAL SCIENCE COOPERATION AS PROPOSED INFORMALLY BY AYKAZYAN TO DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER 1976. HOWEVER AYKAZYAN STATED THE SOVIETS WOULD FOREGO THIS PROPOSAL IN THE INTEREST OF TIMELY RENEWAL IF NECESSARY. AYKAZYAN STATED ACADEMICIAN KIRILLIN COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETING IN WASHINGTON DURING THE FIRST HALF OF MAY, AND THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SIGN RENEWAL DURING WASHINGTON MEETING.

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3. UPON RECEIPT OF CONFIRMATION OR OTHER GUIDANCE FROM HUD AND FEA ON ACCEPTABLE TIMES FOR HOLDING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE SOVIET UNION, EMBASSY WILL ADVISE SOVIETS AND INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE INVITATIONS ARE ISSUED. ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE REGARDING KIRILLIN VISIT AND S&T J.C. MEETING.
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